

ALL-AREA BOYS SWIMMING & DIVING TEAM

BOYS ATHLETE OF THE YEAR **MACK MARTINOCK**



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Martin County High School's Mack Martinock is the Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers 2011 Boys Swimming & Diving Athlete of the Year.

# The record-setter

Martin County’s Mack Martinock grabbed two silver medals at the state meet, set two school records

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STUART – When the season started, Martin County senior Mack Martinock was dreaming of what he could achieve at the state swim championships.

Given that he had already qualified for the meet twice, and owned a pair of bronze medals, lofty goals were reasonable.

He got almost everything he wanted.

Martinock won two silver medals at the Class 2A state finals, one in the 200-yard IM and the second in the 200 medley relay. He was so good in the IM — missing first by .02 seconds — that he made the cut for senior nationals. His goal was junior nationals.

He also swam in the championship finals of the 100 breaststroke and the 400 freestyle relay. On the way to state, Martinock won four district titles, while helping the Tigers to the team championship, and three regional titles — in fact, he was unbeaten in any race until the region championships and un-

Boys Athlete of the Year

**Mack Martinock**

**Martin County senior**

**District 11-2A:** First in 200 IM (1:59.31); first in 100 breaststroke (1:01.64); on first-place 200 medley and first-place 400 free relays. **Region 4-2A:** First in 200 IM (1:53.64); first in 100 breaststroke (59.25); on first-place 200 medley and third-place 400 free relays. **State 2A:** Second in 200 IM (1:51.15 AA-C); seventh in 100 breaststroke (58.60); on second-place 200 medley and fifth-place 400 free relays. **Coach Jim McCombs:** “Mack has gotten faster and faster and faster, his times dropping like they were supposed to. He got a lot faster than last year ... Mack is really the top 100 freestyle swimmer around, but we never put him in it. He’s just so far superior. He’s faster than anyone in our area.”

beaten in his individual events until state.

He set school records in both the IM and the breaststroke and as part of the medley relay. For his achievements, Martinock has been named the 2011 Scripps Treasure Coast Newspapers All-Area Boys Swimming & Diving Athlete of the Year.

“It was fantastic,” he said. “I’m really happy I was able to be the captain as well. It was my last year and to go out with such

a bang ... It’s more than I could have asked for.”

In truth, the one thing he wanted and didn’t get was a gold medal, or first-place finish, at state. But the depth of his performance hasn’t been lost.

“When everyone asks me how I did, I say it was bittersweet,” he said. “I wish I could have come away with a championship, but I don’t feel like I left anything in the pool. I gave it everything I had. It’s so great.”

Coach of the Year



**Jim McCombs**

**School:** Martin County  
**Years with team:** 17  
**This year:** Martin County was

unbeaten through the regular season and then won its third straight district title. The Tigers were fifth at the Region 4-4A championships and then capped it off with a fifth-place finish at the state meet.

**Quotable:** “It was a very satisfying season for me. I like watching everything come together, all that work that goes into it ... I’m already thinking about next season. If you can’t look ahead at your goals, you can never achieve it. This year, it all came to fruition. It was perfect.”

All-Area First Team continued



Austin Blumenthal



Alton Brieske



Matheus Costa de Assis



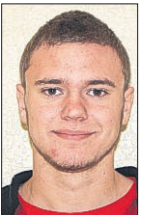
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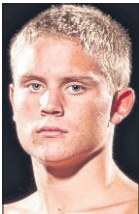
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Keith Knudsen



Brandon Ledford



Sean Ledford



Colin Mackay



Nick Reardon



Alejandro Vela



Barry Weimer



Andrew Wojcik

**COLIN MACKAY**  
**Vero Beach senior**  
**District 7-3A:** Third in 50 free (23.09); fourth in 100 free (51.13); was on 200 medley relay that placed third; on 200 free relay that won. **Region 3-3A:** Ninth 50 free (22.29); fourth in 100 free (48.30); on 200 free relay that placed second and 400 free relay that placed fourth. **State 3A:** 12th 100 free (47.68); on 200 free relay that placed 12th and 400 free relay that placed 15th.

**ALEX BROCKSMITH**  
Sebastian River soph.

**MATTHEW FARRIS**  
Lincoln Park freshman

**KOLBY GOLLIHER**  
Sebastian River soph.

**SID GOLLIHER**  
Sebastian River senior

**DUSTIN HOUSTON**  
Okeechobee senior

**ALEXANDER MADDEN**  
Pine School 8th-grader

**RYAN MARTIN**  
Lincoln Park junior

**MATTHEW PAZANSKI**  
Martin County junior

**REID PIRSON**  
Martin County senior

**AUGUST RESTLE**  
St. Edwards senior

**JARED WEBBER**  
Jensen Beach senior

**PATRICK WEINBERG**  
South Fork senior

**JAKE WILLIS**  
Jensen Beach senior

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First Team

**AUSTIN BLUMENTHAL**  
**Pine School senior**  
**District 6-1A:** First in 50-yard freestyle (23.16); first in 100 freestyle (51.17). **Regional 2-1A:** Seventh in 50 free (22.90); fifth in 100 free (50.91). **State 1A:** 25th in 50 free (23.24); 24th in 100 free (51.69).

**ALTON BRIESKE**  
**John Carroll senior**  
**District 6-1A:** Seventh in 50 free (24.25); first 100 in breaststroke (1:03.80); on third-place 200 medley and fifth-place 400 free relays. **Region 2-1A:** 15th in 50 free (24.74); third in 100 breaststroke (1:03.26); on 10th-place 200 medley and ninth-place 400 free relays. **State:** 12th in 100 breaststroke (1:00.37).

**MATHEUS COSTA DE ASSIS**  
**Fort Pierce Central senior**  
**District 7-3A:** First 50 free (21.86); first 100 backstroke (55.43); was on 200 medley relay that placed fifth and 200 free relay that placed seventh. **Region 3-3A:** Second 50 free (21.62); first 100 backstroke (52.97); on ninth place 200 medley relay and 14th place 200 free relay. **State 3A:** Seventh 50 free (21.23); second 100 backstroke (51.26 AA-C).

**DEMETRI DEMET**  
**Lincoln Park sophomore**  
**District 6-1A:** First in diving (460.25). **Region 2-1A:** First in diving (458.80). **State 1A:** Second in diving (459.70).

**JEREMIAH FRIES**  
**Jensen Beach senior**  
**District 11-2A:** Fourth in 200 IM (2:12.29); second in 100 breaststroke (1:04.20); on second-place 200 medley. **Region 4-2A:** 14th in 200 IM (2:14.47); fourth in 100 breaststroke (1:01.36); on fifth-place 200 medley. **State 2A:** 17th in 100 breaststroke (1:01.88); on 15th-place 200 medley relay.

**DANIEL HARTLEY**  
**Martin County sophomore**  
**District 11-2A:** First in 100 butterfly (53.86); first in 100 backstroke (55.23); on first-place 200 medley and first-place 400 free relays. **Region 4-2A:** First in 100 butterfly (52.35); first in 100 backstroke (54.22); on first-place 200 medley and third-place 400 free relays. **State 2A:** Eighth in 100 butterfly (53.39); fourth in 100 backstroke (53.21); on secon-place 200 medley and fifth-place 400 free relays.

**CHRISTIAN JOHANSSON**  
**Jensen Beach senior**  
**District 11-2A:** First in 50 free (22.91); second in 100 butterfly (54.40); on second-place 200 medley and fourth-place 400 free relays. **Region 4-2A:** Eighth in 50 free (23.27); sixth in 100 butterfly (54.31); on fifth-place 200 medley and 12th-place 400 free relays. **State 2A:** 16th in 100 butterfly (54.93); on 15th-place 200 medley relay.

**KEITH KNUDSEN**  
**Sebastian River senior**  
**District 6-2A:** First in diving (478.60). **Region 2-2A:** First in diving (459.70). **State 2A:** Third in diving (424.60).

**BRANDON LEDFORD**  
**Sebastian River sophomore**  
**District 6-2A:** Third in 200 free (1:55.37); second in 100 butterfly (57.12); on fourth-place 200 free and first-place 400 free relays. **Region 2-2A:** Sixth in 200 free (1:48.84); fourth in 100 butterfly (54.91); on ninth-place 200 free and third-place 400 free relays. **State 2A:** 24th in 200 free (1:52.13); 17th in 100 butterfly (54.37); on 11th-place 400 free relays.

**SEAN LEDFORD**  
**Sebastian River senior**  
**District 6-2A:** First in 100 butterfly (52.36); first in 100 backstroke (56.65); on first-place 200 medley and first-place 400 free relays. **Region 2-2A:** Third in 100 butterfly (52.19); fifth in 100 backstroke (55.35); on second-place 200 free and third-place 400 free relays. **State 2A:** Third in 100 butterfly (50.19 AA-C); fifth in 100 backstroke (53.53); on 11th-place 400 free relays.

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